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Svetlana's daughter may leave U.S.S.R. alone

MOSCOW (Reuter) — Svetlana Alliluyeva, the daughter of Josef Stalin who came back from the West in 1984, is trying to leave the Soviet Union again and send her daughter to an English school, a Soviet journalist said yesterday.

Viktor Louis, who often acts as an unofficial spokesman for Moscow, said he understood Miss Alliluyeva's 14-year-old daughter Olga, whose father is American, could leave. But he thought the mother's chances were doubtful.

Mr. Louis said Miss Alliluyeva had left the southern republic of Georgia, where she had been living since her return, and was in Moscow trying to get exit permission from the authorities.

Mr. Louis said Western press reports that Olga was already abroad were incorrect.

On Saturday, the State Department said Miss Alliluyeva, 59, who returned after 17 years in the West in November 1984, had met consular officials to discuss her case.

Olga's father, William Peters, said in Arizona that the department told him Miss Alliluyeva wanted their daughter to go back to her English school.

When Miss Alliluyeva returned to the Soviet Union in a blaze of publicity, she said her 1967 defection had been a huge mistake, she had never enjoyed a free day in the West and now wanted peace.

Her only good words were for the Quaker religious school in Saffron Walden, England, which her daughter had attended.

Miss Alliluyeva was given back her Soviet citizenship by a special decree in 1984. She had earlier burned her Soviet passport.

Mr. Louis, who once was accused by Miss Alliluyeva of circulating a doctored copy of her memoirs in the West, said he believed her record made it unlikely that the authorities would grant her the privilege of exit papers.

He said he did not know if she wanted to leave permanently or simply to accompany Olga to England.

Olga was a different case because she had been born in the United States of an American father, he said. Miss Alliluyeva and Mr. Peters divorced in 1973 after a brief marriage.

The U.S. Embassy has monitored the case closely because of the girl's citizenship, diplomats said.

Soviet officials have said privately that the Kremlin regards Miss Alliluyeva as a troubled individual and that she was shown tolerance as a returning defector because of her position as Stalin's daughter.

Diplomats said her failure to stay quietly in Georgia would be viewed with anger by the authorities.

At a 1984 news conference, Miss Alliluyeva publicly repented her defection, regarded as treasonable under Soviet law. She said she had been

manipulated by the Central Intelligence Agency and warned other would-be defectors not to betray their homeland.

But she described herself as an intensely religious person who had not acted for political reasons. She said she regarded her daughter as Russian but confirmed she had also once stated that Olga was "as American as apple pie."

Mr. Louis writes for British and French newspapers as well as Soviet publications. Over the past two decades, he has served as a source of news in cases potentially embarrassing to Moscow authorities. He has been the main origin of news reports and films of the banished dissident Andrei Sakharov and his family.